

## CLAIMS

1. A process for forming a multi-layer coating film by applying, to a substrate, intermediate paint, metallic paint and clear paint by 3C1B method, which process is characterized in that said intermediate paint contains 0.5 to 5 phr of flat talc powder of a size of 0.5 to 10  $\mu\text{m}$  in longer direction and 0.01 to 1  $\mu\text{m}$  in thickness, and has a total pigment content of 40 to 100 phr.
2. A process of claim 1 wherein the flat talc powder is of a size of 1 to 5  $\mu\text{m}$  in longer direction.
3. A process of claim 1 wherein the flat talc powder is of a size of 0.1 to 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  in thickness.
4. A process of claim 1 wherein the flat talc powder is contained in an amount of 1 to 4 phr.
5. A process of claim 1 wherein total pigment content is 80 to 95 phr.
6. A process of claim 1 wherein the substrate is a metal-made or plastic-made substrate for automobile body which has been coated with cationic electrodeposition paint as an under coating.
7. Articles which have been coated by the process of claim 1.